Regional Dialogue: African Food Systems (agenda item 9)

Thursday, 4 March 2021
9:15 –11.20 a.m.¹

High level technical roundtable on leveraging regional action for resilient, inclusive and sustainable food systems in Africa

Venue: Virtual

Chair: Mr. Godfrey Bahiigwa, Director, Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture, AUC (Open Remarks: 5 minutes)

Key Note Speaker: Mr. William Lugemwa, Director, PSDFD, ECA (10 minutes)

Breakout session 1: Building sustainable, resilient food systems in Africa

This session is to consider action tracks 3 & 5 on sustainable production and resilience building, respectively

Moderator: Chris Toe, Senior Advisor, Strategic Partnerships Division, WFP (6 minutes)

Panellists: (9 minutes each)

- Mr. Jamie Morrison, Director, Food Systems and Food Safety, FAO
- Mrs. Joan Kagwanja, Chief, Agriculture and Business Enabling Environment Section & Coordinator, African Land Policy Centre (ALPC), PSDF, ECA
- Mrs. Veda Simpson, Founder and CEO, Qudiyon, Inc, Guinea
- Mr. Alexis Minga, Head of Missions of the Minister of State of Agriculture and Livestock; Congo

¹ In Brazzaville time (UTC+1)
• Mr. Eshete Dejean, Interim Programme Manager, Protection, Agriculture & Environment Division, IGAD

• Mr. Luca Rossi, Deputy Chief, UNDRR Regional Office for Africa

**General Discussion (30 minutes: Q & A)**

**Breakout session 2: Promoting Sustainable, inclusive Food Systems for healthy diets and improved nutrition**

*This session is to consider action tracks 1, 2 & 4 on, respectively, access to nutritious food; sustainable consumption; and equity and inclusiveness*

**Moderator:** Jemimah Njuki, Director for Africa, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) *(5 minutes)*

**Panellists:** (each 8 minutes)

• Mrs. Felicite Tchibindat, Deputy Regional Director, West and Central Africa, UNICEF

• Mr. Divine Nitokam, Food Systems Champion.

• Mr. Martin Fregene, Director, Department of Agriculture and Agro-Industry, AfDB *(tbc)*

• Mr. Alex Ariho, Executive Officer, The African Agribusiness Incubators Network (AAIN)

• Mr. Ousmane Badiane, Director, AKADEMIYA2063

• Mr Robson Mutandi, Head, Sub regional Office in Johannesburg, and Country Director for Angola, Mozambique and South Africa, IFAD

**General Discussion:** *(25 minutes)*

**Plenary session**

**Chair:** Mr. Godfrey Bahiigwa, Director, Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture, AUC

• African solutions and Key messages.
  - Mr. Clement Adjorlolo, AUDA-NEPAD *(5 minutes)*
  - Mr. Medhat El-Helepi, ECA *(5 minutes)*

11.20–11.50 a.m. **Break**
11.50 a.m. – 1.30 p.m. **High-level policy roundtable on leveraging regional action for sustainable food systems in Africa**

**Moderator:** Dr. Wanjiru Kamau-Rutenberg, Director, African Women in Agricultural Research and Development

**Key messages form the technical session:** Mr. Godfrey Bahiigwa, Director, Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture, AUC (8 Minutes)

**Panellists:** (9 minutes each)

- H.E. Ambassador Josefa Sacko, Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development, African Union
- Dr. Vera Songwe, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa
- Dr. Akinwumi A. Adesina, President, AfDB (tbc)
- Dr. Ibrahim Mayaki, CEO, AUDA-NEPAD
- Dr. Agnes Kalibata, Special Envoy for the Food Systems Summit
- H.E. Angela Thokozile Didiza, Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, South Africa & the Chair of the AU-STC on Agriculture, Rural Development, Water and Environment (tbc)
- Dr. Abebe Haile-Gabriel, ADG & Regional Representative for Africa, FAO
- Ms. Lucy Muchoki, CEO, Pan African Agribusiness and Agroindustry Consortium
- Mr. Georges Claver BOUNDZANGA, Coordinator, National REDD+, Congo

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